

REMARKS

Following entry of the amendment, claims 1-15 and 17-20 will be pending in this application, and claim 16 will have been canceled. Claims 1-10 have been amended to recite a computer-readable storage medium, which should remove any section 101 issue that has been raised with those claims. The Examiner has agreed in a September 12, 2006 interview (see separate summary) that the use of the word "stored" in claim 11 addresses any section 101 issues with that claim and its dependent claims. Moreover, the Examiner agreed in the interview that the section 101 issues with claims 17-20 have also been addressed by the amendment. Thus, applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the section 101 rejection.

In the interview, applicants explained how the use of a seed defines over the applied art. To more particularly point out this feature, independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to further define the relationship between seed and position. The Examiner has agreed to reconsider the claims in light of the argument made in the interview.

Applicants have filed this RCE to request that the Examiner consider the arguments made in the after-final paper filed on or about June 30, 2006, and also to reconsider the claims (as amended) in light of the arguments made in the interview. Thus, continued examination, and early and favorable action on the merits, are requested.



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